

H. RES. 1159

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Kustoff.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Norman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER S. 4160, SUPREME COURT POLICE PARITY ACT

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, a man was arrested for plotting to kill Justice Kavanaugh.

Over a month ago, the Senate unanimously passed a bill to provide more security for Supreme Court Justices and their families, but House Democrats have let that bill gather dust. This is the same party whose heated rhetoric has encouraged political pressure on conservative Justices.

Former White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said:

I know that there is an outrage right now, I guess, about protests that have been peaceful to date, and we certainly do continue to encourage that, outside judges' homes, and that is the President's position.

And Majority Leader SCHUMER said:

I want to tell you, Justice Kavanaugh and Justice Gorsuch, you have unleashed a whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions.

Mr. Speaker, with words like that and threats like these, Congress cannot afford to wait. We have a duty to protect the Court, the Justices, and their families from political violence and intimidation. And we can meet that duty tonight before the House adjourns by sending this bill to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table S. 4160, Supreme Court Police Parity Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is cleared on the Republican side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman stating a parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. MCCARTHY. No. I am just stating there is no objection on the Republican side, so that would only be the Democrats holding the bill up.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

WILBUR DUMAS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 100th birthday of Wilbur Dumas, a veteran and a well-accomplished Georgian.

Wilbur was born in McRae, Georgia, in 1922 to James and Effie Dumas. In 1943, he married the love of his life, Pollie Snow, in Morven, Georgia.

Following his marriage, he was drafted into the Army in 1944 during World War II and served in the Pacific. Wilbur was in the Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, when the official instrument of surrender was signed by the Japanese on the USS Missouri.

After the war, he and Pollie moved to Port Wentworth where they raised a daughter and two sons. They bought a house on Commonwealth Avenue in 1951 where Wilbur still resides to this day. Wilbur retired from Kaiser Agricultural Chemical Plant in Port Wentworth in 1984.

Unlike many, Wilbur lived to see his 100th birthday this past May, and it was an honor and a privilege to celebrate his birthday with him at our home church at Port Wentworth United Methodist Church.

I wish Mr. Dumas a happy 100th birthday.

What an amazing achievement.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER S. 4160, SUPREME COURT POLICE PARITY ACT

(Mrs. MCCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, today an armed man with the intent to kill justice Kavanaugh was arrested near the Justice's home. The Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan bill that would provide security to the Justices and their families. Yet House Democrats have refused to act on it.

Unlike the bills we voted on today, we actually have a bipartisan, commonsense solution to protect one of our Nation's most sacred institutions. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table S. 4160 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

THE CONSTITUTION IS ABSOLUTE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, we have certainly heard our fair share of hot air

from Democrats as they attack the Constitution and the rights of Americans.

A Member from Rhode Island recently said that the constitutional rights of the American people are BS. President Biden claimed that the Second Amendment was not absolute.

This is a new and dangerous standard that is being set—that the Constitution is merely a doormat that a Member of Congress wipes his or her feet on.

It will surely pain my Democrat colleagues to hear this, but I will say it anyway: the Constitution is absolute.

If they have a problem respecting our founding document, then why did they take a take an oath to protect and defend it in the first place?

Perhaps they need to do some soul searching.

NUCLEAR ENERGY IS RENEWABLE ENERGY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is not just American oil and natural gas energies that are under attack. Another one of the Nation's top sources of energy, nuclear generation, has faced repeated operational obstacles and is facing threats of extinction.

Nuclear power is one of the best choices for renewable energy we have. It is consistent, it runs 24/7, and it isn't intermittent or dependent on the weather like wind or solar. It takes up a small physical footprint, such as California's sole remaining reactors at Diablo Canyon, take up only 900 acres of land and provides nearly 10 percent of California's energy portfolio and 23 percent of our carbon-free generation that everybody is so worried about.

It is affordable. Although power plants are expensive to build, like most things are, they are relatively cheap to run.

Interestingly, nuclear generation has recently garnered widespread bipartisan support. Recently, last month, the Biden administration launched a \$6 billion Federal effort to keep nuclear power plants open that are at risk of closing. Even California Governor Gavin Newsom seems to have reversed his opinion on nuclear energy and has expressed some level of support to keep Diablo Canyon open.

Nuclear energy has had an unfair bad rap from past incidents, most notably Chernobyl. Well, this isn't the 1980s Soviet Union. This is the United States. We have the innovation and technological advances to make nuclear energy a cornerstone of our future in energy independence. We need to hang on to it.

PAYING TRIBUTE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I come tonight to pay tribute to the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, celebrating its 60th anniversary—its diamond anniversary—and to thank the senior pastor, Dr. Marcus Cosby, and, of course, the pastor emeritus, the world renowned Rev. Dr. William A. Lawson.

The leadership of Pastor Cosby is founded in his own spiritual grounding and as well his commitment, dedication, and respect for Pastor Lawson and his family.

It is an interesting church now called the cathedral, and it is a place where people can come for refuge. It is a place of intellect and genius because of its many members of great talent.

But, oh, they are the Good Samaritans. They are reminded as a church body that it is their goal and their responsibility to feed the hungry and those without clothes, those who need housing, and as well to open its doors to civic participation.

This is a place that was founded by Pastor Lawson and his wife, the late Audrey Lawson, in their living room 60 years ago as Pastor Lawson was, in fact, being the Pastor for TSU's, Texas Southern University, students.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church because they are a church of action, service, and love of God. Bless them for their 60th anniversary.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, there are a variety of topics that I think have not been discussed enough lately but I think should be addressed on the floor.

We have been gone for 2 weeks prior to reconvening this week, and in that time I took one more trip to the southern border. I took the trip to the border because other than arguably the threat of an absolute catastrophe over the Ukraine, it is easily the biggest cause for concern in this country at this time.

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I went down to McAllen, Texas, with 11 other Congressmen. Rather than having a trip of twelve which, as I understand, is the biggest group that has been at the border since COVID, we should have had 80 or 90 people there to see what is going on.

Prior to talking about things that I saw on the trip, I will talk about the size of the problem, because the numbers tell the story. In the most recent April, we let 183,000 people in the country.

Frequently, the press, for whatever reason, and some politicians, talk

about the number of people who have contact with the Border Patrol. 183,000 is the number who actually came in the country. A year ago in April, that number was 66,000. And 2 years ago it was 6,000. So we have gone from 6,000 let in the country in April of 2020, April of 2021, 66,000 and, most recently, 183,000.

These numbers are staggering. The press should be reporting every monthly number with banner headlines. Perhaps, because the story seems old, they get tired of reporting it. But it is a more significant story every month.

Of those 183,000, about 60,000 are what we refer to as gotaways; that is, not people who checked in at the Border Patrol and got a cursory review. They are people who did not touch the Border Patrol at all. We don't know whether they were sneaking in this country with drugs. We don't know whether they had diseases. We don't know whether they have criminal background problems. We don't know.

So from 6,000 to 66,000 to 183,000. Who knows what it is going to be by this time next year. Obviously, it is changing America dramatically.

We do have ways to come in this country legally. We like to make sure that the future America is people who have proved themselves, law-abiding, hardworking. Here we have no idea who we are getting.

I point out that one of the reasons more people are sneaking across the border is that, as we have approximately 120,000 people who check in with the Border Patrol, the Border Patrol has to spend more of their time doing paperwork and not doing what they want to do, which is guard the border. That is why we are having a much more significant number of people come here without any contact whatsoever.

The Biden administration says they inherited a mess. They inherited 6,000 a month; and now we are at 183,000 a month.

As far as other observations along the Rio Grande, the heartlessness of the Mexican drug cartels continues to be shown. When they want to get drugs here, because they know the Border Patrol is understaffed, what they do is they send a group of people across the river, and they know the Border Patrol will be obligated to deal with that group of people. And then they send another group of people, say, a mile or 2 miles further on down or further up river, where they know they can get across with their drugs.

They also know the cartels are so brutal and heartless that they will throw a young child overboard in the Rio Grande because they know our ethical Border Patrol will save that child, rather than deal with the people who are sneaking across, perhaps sneaking across with drugs.

For the first time since I have been at the border—I have been down there several times, in part, due to my subcommittee assignment, the fact that I

am a ranking member. The people who showed me the Rio Grande pointed out at the bend of a river, here is where we have a lot of Chinese come across.

Again, I think people are under the impression these are largely Mexican, Central American folks. I was surprised to hear from my guide that they pointed out this is the bend where we see a lot of Chinese coming across; which is, by the way, typical of what I have seen in other regions. This is people from all around the world.

They also pointed out that one of the reasons so many people are coming here, they come here because the drug cartels are making money off them and advertising on social media all around the world, be it Central America, be it Brazil, be it Peru, be it India, or Pakistan, or Bangladesh, the drug cartels are making money on these folks.

The further you come, the more they make per person. Maybe they are getting six or \$7,000 for Mexican, maybe 9 or 10,000 for Central American, maybe 15 or \$20,000 from Asia.

One more time—and I repeat things up here I find almost hard to believe. But one more time, I was told by the Border Patrol that right now the Mexican drug cartels make more money smuggling people across the border than drugs, and that is really saying something.

So, in addition to the other problems, we are strengthening the financial hold the drug cartels have on Mexico and, to a lesser degree, on the United States.

It is not rocket science how to stop this. You stop it by going back to the migrant protection protocol in which people coming here were held in Mexico pending a hearing.

When I talk about the non getaways, about 120,000 a month, these folks are let in the United States and told to show up for a hearing at some time. They rarely show up.

When people are paying 10 or \$15,000 to get this far, they would not come here in the first place if they were on the Mexican side of the border. People are not going to pay \$15,000 to sit in Mexico and hope a hearing goes their way.

So we should go back to the common sense provisions we had just a year and a half ago, and we would quickly get back down to the six or 10 or 15,000 a month, rather than the massive amount that is coming across the border.

Another benefit of not having so many people cross the border, is we would decrease the number, the horrifically high number of drug overdoses we have in America. These numbers have been repeated, but it is another story that I think the press is dropping the ball on because they think because it is an old story it is not an important story.

When I was elected to this job 7 years ago, about 47,000 Americans were dying every year of drug overdoses. That is now over 110,000. By comparison, 57,000 American troops died in Vietnam. Over